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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES

1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING
THE PERIOD FROM MAY 6-12, 1977.

2. MAY 6: AT 1245 HRS ON GENERAL PAZ AVENUE AND CONSTITUYENTES,
SEVERAL MEN IN A PEUGEOT 504 DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS OF A
TERRMJUST ORGANIZATION. ON THE SAME DATE, LA RAZON REPORTED
A BOMB EXPLODED IN A SHOP LOCATED IN THE SAN FERNANDO DISTRICT.
(PROBABLY A REFERENCE TO THE ATTACK AGAINST THE HOME OF A
PROMINENT LABOR LEADER CARRANZA (SEE SEPTTEL)
THE EXPLOSIHA CAUSED ONLY MATERIAL DAMAGE. PAPER ALSO RE-
PORTED A BOMB EXPLODED IN A BRANCH OF THE HURLINGHAM BANK,
LOCATED AT SAN JUSTO. ONLY MATERIAL DAMAGE WAS CAUSED.
LA RAZON ALSO REPORTED THAT ANTONIO V. JAKASA, A MEMBER OF
THE COMISION DE LIBERTAD SINDICAL DE LA ORGANIZACION INTER-
NACIONAL DEL TRABAJO (ILO) DISAPPEARED ON HIS WAY FROM HIS
RESIDENCE TO HIS OFFICE IN THE FEDERAL CAPITOL. POLICE
PRESUME HE WAS KIDNAPPED. (SEE SEPTTEL)

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MAY 7: AT 1210 HRS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, VICE ADMIRAL
CESAR GUZZETTI, WAS ATTACKED AND WOUNDED BY TWO
MEN, ALLEGEDLY MONTONEROS, WHILE HE WAS ATTENDING
A CLINIC AT CORDOBA 2025. THE ASSAILANTS HAD
TAKEN CONTROL OF THE FLOOR WHERE GUZZETTI WAS
GOING FOR TREATMENT AND WHEN HE ENTERED THEY
BLUDGEONED HIM, SHOT HIM ONCE IN THE HEAD - USING

A PILLOW TO SILENCE THE SHOT. LATER INFORMATION:
AFTER ASSAULTING HIM THEY SUCCESSFULLY ESCAPED,
LEAVING NUMEROUS EXPLOSIVES AND HAND GRENADES
AT THE SCENE. FURTHER INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
POLICE SOURCES REFLECTED THAT A MEMBER OF THE
CLINIC STAFF HAD CLOSE LINKS TO MONTONEROS AND
HAD INFORMED THEM CONCERNING THE FORMIN SCHEDULE
OF VISITS.

AT 2240 HRS A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE 43RD PRECINCT. NO
FORTHHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

ON THE SAME DATE LA PRENSA REPORTED THAT IN LOS PRINOS
DISTRICT BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, A CONFRONTATION OCCURRED
BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND TWO TERRORISTS. THE TWO
TERRORISTS WERE KILLED AND THE SECURITY FORCES CONFIS-
CATED A PRINTING PRESS, XEROX MACHINE AND DOCUMENTS THAT
WERE HIDDEN IN THE MONTONERO RESIDENCE.

MAY 9: THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD REPORTED THAT CPL.
LANIERS OF THE 4TH FEDERAL FIRE BRIGADE WAS KILLED BY
MONTONEROS APPROXIMATELY TEN BLOCKS FROM HIS HOME IN
WILDE. POLICE FOUND MONTONERO LITERATURE AND PAMPHLETS
BESIDE THE BODY.

MAY 10: AT MONTES DE OCA 600, SEVEN YOUNG MEN, HEAVILY
ARMED AND PRESUMABLY TERRORISTS, STOLE A FORD
FALCON, FORD TAUNUS AND A WHITE PEUGEOT 404
FROM A LOCAL GARAGE.
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AT 0810 HRS, FEDERAL POLICE HQ INFORMED ALL PATROLS AT
LANUS, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, SEVERAL MEN IN A
WHITE PEUGEOT 404 THREW EXPLOSIVES AT THE LANUS
POLICE STATION.

AT 1515 HRS BOMB SQUAD RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF SUSPICIOUS
PACKAGE AT THE METROPOLITAN CINEMA ON CORRIENTES
AVE. SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION REFLECTS THAT THE
PACKAGE WAS NOT A BOMB.

AT 1900 HRS TWO SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES AT SANTE FE 1773
AND LARREA 1854

ON THE SAME DATE, LA PRENSA REPORTED THAT A TERRORIST,
CARLOS MORENO, WAS CAPTURED AND KILLED WHILE TRYING TO
ESCAPE. ALLEGEDLY HE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN STEALING
EXPLOSIVES AND WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF A TERRORIST
ORGANIZATION.

MAY 11: THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD REPORTED THAT SECURITY UNITS HAD KILLED THE TERRORIST RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NOV. 9 BOMBING OF THE BUENOS AIRES PROVINCIAL POLICE HQ IN LA PLATA. THE EXPLOSION KILLED ONE FIREMAN AND WOUNDED ELEVEN POLICE OFFICERS, INCLUDING THE ASSIST. CHIEF OF POLICE. THE TERRORIST, ALFREDO GUILLERMO MARTINEZ, WAS EMPLOYED AS A CLERK AT THE POLICE HQ AND AT THE TIME WAS A MEMBER OF THE MONTONERO ORGANIZATION. THE HERALD ALSO REPORTED THAT TWO EXTREMISTS WERE KILLED IN A CONFRONTATION WITH SECURITY FORCES WHEN THE POLICE ATTEMPTED TO APPREHEND THEM FOR DRIVING A STOLEN CAR. ONE OF THE PERSONS WAS SHOT TO DEATH AND HIS FEMALE COMPANION SWALLOWED A CYANIDE CAPSULE.

MAY 12: AT 0115 HRS, SECURITY FORCES ENGAGED IN A CONFRONTATION WITH REPORTED TERRORISTS AT SANTE FE 1800, CONFIDENTIAL

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BETWEEN SARMIENTO AVE AND VICENTE LOPEZ. TERRORISTS WERE LOCATED ON THE 2ND AND 4TH FLOOR OF THE APARTMENT BUILDING AND WERE LATER IDENTIFIED AS A WOMAN DOCTOR AND HER HUSBAND WHO WERE REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF THE MONTONERO ORGANIZATION. BOTH TERRORISTS WERE KILLED IN THE ENCOUNTER.

AT 0320 HRS AT POTOSI 300, THREE ARMED PEOPLE STOLE A WHITE FORD TAUNUS, GREY PEUGEOT 404 AND A BLUE FIAT 128, ALL 1977 VEHICLES.

ON THE SAME DATE, LA RAZON REPORTED THAT UNOFFICIAL SOURCES STATED THAT IN MONTO GRANDE, BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE, FIVE TERRORISTS WERE KILLED BY JOINT SECURITY FORCES WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO IDENTIFY PERSONS WHO WERE OCCUPANTS OF A SUSPECT VEHICLE.

3. RSO RECENTLY MET WITH ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES WHO STATED THEY ANTICIPATE AN INCREASE IN ATTEMPTS AT ASSASSINATION OF ARGENTINE GOVT OFFICIALS. SOURCES FEEL THAT DUE TO THE LOSS OF COMBATANTS OVER THE PAST YEAR, THE TERRORISTS DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO INITIATE ANY ATTACKS AGAINST POLICE AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. SOURCES STATED THAT THE MONTONEROS HAVE APPROXIMATELY 1,000 TO 1,200 MEMBERS REMAINING IN ARGENTINA OF WHOM ONLY 300 TO 400 ARE COMBATANTS. MANY OF THESE ARE IN HIDING OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE THE COUNTRY. GROUPS ARE DIVIDED INTO SMALL CELLS, APPROXIMATELY FIVE PERSONS, WITH VERY LITTLE INTER-COMMUNICATIONS. RECENTLY, DURING A RAID ON A MONTONERO CENTER, A LIST OF POSSIBLE TARGETS OF ARGENTINE MILITARY, POLICE AND GOVT PERSONNEL WAS DISCOVERED. SOURCES FEEL THAT WITH THEIR LIMITED COMBATIVE PERSONNEL, THEY WILL ATTEMPT ATTACKS ON ARGENTINA GOVT

OFFICIALS SIMILAR TO THE ATTACK ON FORMIN GUZZETTI.
CONSEQUENTLY MANY GOA PERSONS HAVE TAKEN ADDITIONAL
SECURITY PRECAUTIONS N ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE ATTACKS.
SOURCES STATED THEY ANTICIPATE THE MONTONERO COMBATANT
ELEMENTS WILL BE ELIMINATED WITHIN THE YEAR.
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